Mid-term appraisal of Tenth Plan

1202. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Plan, the plan outlays were lower by about two percent of the GDP of both the Centre and the States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to mobilise the resources required for completion of the programmes other than the borrowing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount needed to complete the projects under the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Mid-term appraisal to the Tenth Five Year Plan has lowered the Plan outlay for both the Centre and the States by 1.1 per cent of GDP as compared to the original target. This reduction is consequent upon the lowering of the GDP growth target from 8.1% in the Tenth Plan Document to 7% in the Mid-Term Appraisal.

(c) The steps to mobilize resources other than borrowing are outlined in the Mid-Term Appraisal Document. They include, *inter alia,* increase in the Gross tax to GDP ratio at the Centre, improvement in the State Own Tax Revenue and cutting down the non-plan expenditure of both the Centre and the State Governments.

(d) The outlay targeted for the remainder of the Tenth Plan is about 11.3% of GDP.

Rise in employment

1203. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recently released census figures the number of employed youths has gone up considerably during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have drawn up any contingent plan to create fresh employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?